

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

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## June Rate Unemployment Rate Increases Due to Dynamics of Early Summer

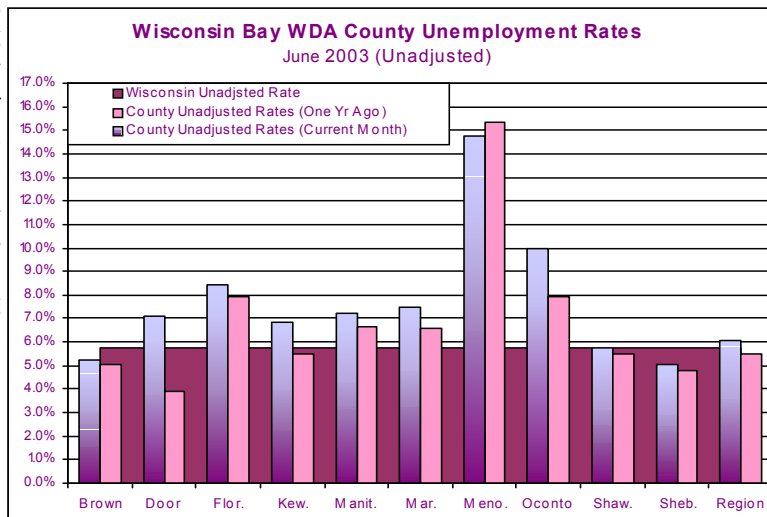
June is typically one of the most dynamic months in the Bay Area's annual labor force cycle. Typically the month has the largest number of workers entering the labor force seeking permanent and summer jobs as the school year ends along with seasonal workers returning to work in the leisure and hospitality, and food processing industries. There is frequently a lag between the workers entry into the labor force and starting employment, it is not unusual for the number of unemployed to increase between May and June.

The beginning of work is also affected by the weather, and the dates that schools leave out, and missing the count for employment when our data is collected.

The rate in the Wisconsin Bay Area rose 0.7 of a percentage point from May to 6.1 percent. Only Door County experienced a decrease in its monthly rate of the ten counties in the region. The rate in the county was 7.1 percent, down 0.6 of a percentage point from May.

Like over the month rates that with increases in nine of the ten counties, only Menominee County had a lower unemployment rate when compared with last June. The rate for Menominee dropped 0.6 of a percentage point to 14.6 percent. This was also the highest unemployment rate in the Bay WDA. Sheboygan County had the lowest rate in the region at 5.0 percent. Two Counties were at or

above 10 percent during June, they were Oconto at 10.0 percent and Menominee. Brown, Oconto and Sheboygan all had rates below 6.0 percent during the month.



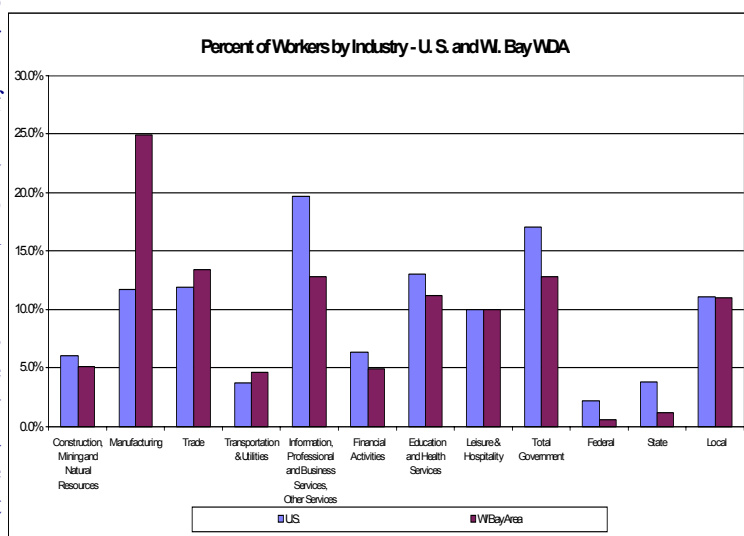
The rate for the Bay Area remained above the State of Wisconsin's unadjusted rate of 5.7 percent. Like the Bay Area, the rate for the state also rose during June. Wisconsin's unadjusted rate rose 0.7 of a percentage point from May and 0.2 of a percentage point from last June.

The Bay Area labor force increased by 11,800 in June to 361,400 while the number of workers employed increased rose 8,600 to 339,400. All ten counties had monthly increases in the size of their labor force, although only eight counties experience growth in the

number of workers employed, while the remaining two were unchanged from May.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment (NFWs) increased 5,200 from May and 8,600 from one year ago. It is difficult to compare employment changes in the Bay Area with the nation due to the differences in the make of our

local economy compared to the national average. Our region has nearly twice the percentage of manufacturing employment as the nation, and leads slightly in in



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jobs in the trade and transportation industries, but has a smaller percent of jobs in all of the other industries.

### Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Green Bay MSA declined 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.7 percent and was 0.2 of a percentage point above June 2002. In the

Sheboygan MSA, the rate was 4.6 percent, down 0.3 of a percentage point from May. Last May, the rate for Sheboygan was 4.4 percent. The nation's rate was 6.4 percent, up 0.3 of a percentage point from May. The rate for Wisconsin was 5.6 percent.

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Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area												
June 2003	Brown	Door	Flor.	Kew.	Manit.	Marinette	Meno.	Oconto	Shaw.	Sheb.	Bay Area	WI
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	149,600	19,200	2,000	11,400	46,700	23,500	2,500	17,300	21,200	68,000	361,400	3,164,000
Employed	141,700	17,900	1,900	10,600	43,400	21,700	2,100	15,600	20,000	64,600	339,400	2,982,400
Unemployed	7,900	1,400	200	800	3,400	1,800	400	1,700	1,200	3,400	22,000	181,600
Unemployment rate(%)	5.3%	7.1%	8.4%	6.8%	7.2%	7.5%	14.8%	10.0%	5.7%	5.0%	6.1%	5.7%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.6%	-	5.6%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	150,300	15,500	1,300	7,000	37,600	20,800	2,000	9,800	12,900	64,500	321,700	2,828,900
Total Private	132,700	13,700	1,000	5,900	33,000	18,500	100	7,900	10,100	57,700	280,500	2,410,600
Goods Producing	36,000	3,100	400	2,400	14,000	7,000	*	3,200	3,000	27,900	96,900	648,700
Service Producing	114,300	12,500	1,000	4,500	23,600	13,800	2,000	6,600	9,900	36,600	224,800	2,180,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	8,500	1,000	100	600	1,800	700	*	700	600	2,700	16,600	129,400
Manufacturing	27,500	2,100	300	1,900	12,200	6,200	*	2,500	2,300	25,200	80,300	519,300
Trade	22,300	1,800	100	800	4,400	3,000	100	1,100	2,100	7,600	43,200	440,200
Transportation & Utilities	10,100	100	40	500	1,600	700	*	300	300	1,300	14,900	321,400
Financial Activities	10,500	700	40	200	1,000	600	*	200	400	2,300	16,000	158,700
Education and Health Services	17,300	1,500	100	600	4,800	2,800	*	1,100	1,600	6,500	36,200	361,200
Leisure & Hospitality	13,500	5,000	200	900	3,200	2,100	*	1,300	1,600	4,200	32,000	256,400
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	23,000	1,500	100	500	4,000	2,300	*	700	1,100	7,900	41,200	958,400
Total Government	17,600	1,800	300	1,000	4,600	2,300	1,900	2,000	2,800	6,800	41,200	418,300
Federal	1,000	100	30	100	200	100	*	100	100	200	2,000	28,600
State	2,500	100	20	0	200	200	*	0	100	700	3,800	95,300
Local	14,100	1,600	300	900	4,300	2,000	1,900	1,800	2,600	5,900	35,400	294,400
Change from one month ago May 2003												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	3,600	2,000	100	200	1,600	900	100	300	500	2,600	11,800	87,500
Employed	2,400	1,900	0	100	900	600	0	100	300	2,200	8,600	62,000
Unemployed	1,200	0	0	100	700	300	100	300	100	400	3,200	25,500
Unemployment rate(%)	0.7%	-0.6%	1.1%	0.7%	1.2%	1.0%	3.7%	1.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.7%	0.7%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.3%	-	0.2%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	1,000	1,600	0	0	500	300	-10	0	200	1,700	5,200	30,800
Total Private	1,000	1,600	30	100	400	400	0	200	200	1,500	5,300	36,400
Goods Producing	600	100	0	0	200	200		100	100	800	2,100	9,200
Service Producing	400	1,500	0	0	300	100	-10	-100	100	900	3,100	21,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	300	100	0	0	100	0		100	0	100	700	6,200
Manufacturing	300	100	0	0	100	100		40	20	700	1,400	3,000
Trade	400	200	10	20	0	100	0	-10	100	200	950	7,800
Transportation & Utilities	200	0	0	-20	0	0		-20	0	0	170	5,600
Financial Activities	100	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	100	270	2,400
Education and Health Services	-200	0	0	0	100	0		10	0	0	-100	-2,000
Leisure & Hospitality	-200	1,000	20	40	100	100		80	70	100	1,330	10,600
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	100	100	0	10	100	0		10	0	300	630	8,000
Total Government	0	100	-30	-30	0	-100	-10	-200	-80	200	-130	-5,600
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	-100
State	-100	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	-110	-6,900
Local	100	0	-30	-30	100	0	-10	-200	-80	200	-10	1,400
Change from one year ago June 2002												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	5,000	800	200	200	1,000	700	0	700	400	2,500	11,400	79,700
Employed	4,400	100	100	0	600	500	0	300	300	2,300	8,700	68,000
Unemployed	600	600	0	200	300	300	0	400	100	300	2,700	11,700
Unemployment rate(%)	0.2%	3.2%	0.5%	1.4%	0.5%	0.9%	-0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.2%	-	0.3%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	5,900	-200	100	-100	0	100	-100	0	0	3,000	8,600	30,500
Total Private	6,200	-100	100	100	0	100	0	-200	0	3,000	9,200	36,500
Goods Producing	1,400	-300	0	-100	-400	-100		-200	0	1,300	1,700	-16,100
Service Producing	4,500	100	0	0	400	100	-100	300	0	1,700	7,000	46,600
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	600	0	0	0	-100	0		0	0	0	500	3,400
Manufacturing	800	-300	0	-100	-300	-100		-200	0	1,300	1,200	-19,500
Trade	-300	-400	0	0	100	0	0	-100	0	200	-500	-11,000
Transportation & Utilities	900	0	0	100	0	0		0	0	0	900	-14,900
Financial Activities	300	100	0	0	0	0		0	0	200	700	6,900
Education and Health Services	700	100	0	0	200	0		0	100	100	1,200	5,900
Leisure & Hospitality	1,500	800	0	100	0	300		200	0	400	3,400	31,700
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	1,700	-300	0	0	0	-100		-100	-200	800	1,800	32,600
Total Government	-300	-100	0	-200	0	0	0	200	0	0	-500	-6,000
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	-1,600
State	-500	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	-500	-7,100
Local	200	-100	0	-200	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	2,700

\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. \* Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N.W.'s data is benchmarked to 3/2/002

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